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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Group Art Unit: 2615 MOTOKI KATO Examiner: ANAND RAO Appln. No. 08/634,122 RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 30, 1997 Filed: April 19, 1996 2001 Ferry Building: For: APPARATUS FOR San Francisco, CA 94111 (415) 433-4150 ENCODING AND DECODING HEADER DATA) IN PICTURE SIGNAL TRANSMISSION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 10, 1997, Applicant submits the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-10, and 12-14 are pending in this application. New grounds of rejection have been asserted based on a reference not previously cited.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5, 8-10, and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. '103 as being obvious over Morrison et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,985,766) in view of Raychaudhuri et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,122,875). The Examiner rejected claims 6-7 under 35 U.S.C. '103 as being obvious over Morrison et al. in view of Raychaudhuri et al., and in further view of Fujinami (U.S. Pat. No. 5,343,248).

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections on the grounds that Morrison et al. do not teach reductions in data transmissions by eliminating redundant header data between pictures. As will be discussed in more detail below, Morrison et al. teach

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